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KENSINGTON MAN SENTENCED FOR RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Chad Gilmore, 31, formerly of Kensington, Maryland was sentenced today by Judge Peter J. Messitte in United States District Court in Greenbelt to serve 32 months incarceration, followed by a 3 year term of supervised release and a fine of \$1,000 for receiving child pornography.

The FBI began an investigation after receiving a citizen complaint alleging that the defendant, using screen name "Gilmore50", had engaged in inappropriate communications with the complainant's minor female daughter on the Internet. Immediately thereafter, Special Agents with the FBI, using that screen name, queried an FBI database that contains complaints received from Internet Service Providers regarding suspected violations of the laws relating to the exploitation of children on the Internet. As a result of that search, it was discovered that screen name "Gilmore50" had been a recipient of child pornography on several occasions in the past.

Further investigation revealed that on April 2, 1999, while in an Internet chat room, the

defendant received an image file title “!!!DAD.JPG,” a picture of a minor female performing oral sex on an adult male. The defendant later downloaded that image onto his computer’s hard drive.

On June 17, 1999, FBI agents executed a federal search warrant at the defendant’s home. Among the items seized from the defendant’s home were computer diskettes containing child pornography. The defendant’s entire child pornography collection consisted of in excess of 10 images on the computer hard drive, more than 10 AVI files or movie clips on the computer hard drive and more than 10 images on a computer diskette. The majority of these images involved prepubescent minors engaged in sexual activity.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of it Innocent Images Task Force, and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan E. Foreman.